

THE OTTAWA
IMPROVEMENT
COMMISSION





Special Report of
The
Ottawa Improvement
Commission

from its inception in 1899
to March 31st 1912.

Board of Commissioners

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The Mayor of Ottawa.

Wm. Kearns, Secretary.



Ottawa Improvement Commission,

Ottawa, Jan. 9th, 1913.

Sir —

The estimates of expenditure for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1913, prepared by the Ottawa Improvement Commission and approved by the Governor General in Council contained an item of \$3,700 for "office contingencies, including cost of proposed special report."

A similar report was issued by the Commission in 1904; but as considerable new work has been undertaken and completed since that time the Commission feel it a duty incumbent on them to place before the public again, in a concise and attractive form, the results that have been achieved and the disposition made of the public moneys placed at their disposal by the Parliament of Canada.

The annual reports called for by the statute have, as a matter of course, been invariably sent to the proper authority at the stated time; but as these reports have not been printed and therefore not available to the general public otherwise than through meagre notices in the press, the Commission entertain the hope that the information and illustrations contained in the following pages in connection with the works which have been undertaken for the beautification of Ottawa will be received with some measure of appreciation and approval.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

WM. KEARNS,

Secretary.

Hon. W. T. White,
Minister of Finance.



Scene on Rideau Canal Driveway



Scene on Rideau Canal Driveway



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Report

The Ottawa Improvement Commission is the creation of a Federal Statute (62-63 Vict. Chap. 10) which became law in August, 1899.

In this statute provision has been made for a Board of Commissioners to consist of four members, "of whom three shall be appointed by the Governor General in Council and shall hold office during pleasure and one shall be appointed by the Corporation of the City of Ottawa."

Subsequently the number of Commissioners was increased to eight, of whom seven are appointed by the Governor General in Council, (2 Edw. VII Chap. 25).

The first Commissioners appointed were, the present Chairman, Sir Henry N. Bate, K.C.M.G., Mr. Joseph Riopelle, Mr. C. R. Cunningham, by the Governor General in Council and the then Mayor, Mr. Thomas Payment, by the Corporation of the City of Ottawa.

Under the amending Act (2 Edw. VII., chap. 25), which came into force in May, 1902, Sir Wm. Hingston, Senator, Montreal, Sir Sandford Fleming, K.C.M.G., Ottawa, Hon. F. T. Frost, Senator, Smiths Falls and Hon. J. P. B. Casgrain, Senator, Montreal, were appointed Commissioners by the Governor General in Council. Later on Mr. Geo. O'Keefe, Ottawa, was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Sir Wm. Hingston and Mr. C. P. Meredith, Ottawa, to fill the vacancy caused by the



Artificial Lake, Rideau Canal Driveway

death of Mr. C. R. Cunningham. Senator Frost retired from the Commission in 1911 and Mr. Joseph Riopelle and Mr. Geo. O'Keefe in 1912.

In January, 1913, Mr. Denis Murphy, Mr. H. K. Egan and Mr. E. G. Laverdure, all of Ottawa, were appointed by the Governor in Council to fill the vacancies thus created.

The Corporation of the City of Ottawa has invariably chosen the Mayor for the time being as its representative on the Board of Commissioners.

The secretary of the Commission who, under the Act of Parliament constituting the Commission, must be a member of the public service of Canada is appointed by the Governor in Council. Mr. Stephen E. O'Brien of the Public Works Department was secretary of the Commission from its inception to May, 1911, when he resigned and was replaced by Mr. Wm. Kearns of the Auditor General's Office.

The Commissioners give their services gratuitously and the secretary is obliged to perform his duties as such without further remuneration than that received by him as a member of the "public service of Canada."

The Powers and sphere of action of the Commission are set forth under section 7 of the statute as follow:—

(a) "purchase, acquire and hold real property in the City of Ottawa or in the vicinity thereof, for the purpose of public parks or squares, streets, avenues, drives or thoroughfares;"

(b) "do, perform and execute all necessary or proper acts or things for the purpose of preparing, building, improving, repairing and maintaining all or any of such works for public use;"



Winter Scene, Rideau Canal Driveway, West of Bank Street

(c) "co-operate with the Corporation, or with the Board of Park Management of the City of Ottawa, in the improvement and beautifying of said city or vicinity thereof, by the acquisition, maintenance and improvement of public parks, squares, streets, avenues, drives or thoroughfares, and the erection of public buildings in said city or in the vicinity thereof."

No real property may be purchased by the Commission or other expenditure incurred until full information and detailed estimates in connection therewith have been submitted by the Commission to the Governor General in Council and his approval has been obtained.

The Commission is required to make an annual report for the information of Parliament, within a stated time after the termination of each fiscal year, to the Governor General in Council, through the Minister of Finance, setting forth in detail the receipts and expenditures of the year just closed and a description of the nature and extent of the works and undertakings of the Commission during the same period.

All expenditures are subject to the audit of the Auditor General of Canada in the same manner as in the case of other public moneys.

To enable the Commission to carry on the work entrusted to it, the statute, passed in the first instance, provided for a payment from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada of \$60,000 a year for a period of ten years from July, 1, 1899, but by a subsequent act the life of the Commission was prolonged to twenty years terminating on June 30, 1919. (3 Edward VII, Chap. 45).



Scene on Rideau Canal Driveway

Under this Act the Commission was empowered "to borrow from time to time, on debentures of the Commission, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding four per cent per annum such sum or sums of money not exceeding in the whole, \$250,000, as are required to purchase land or to carry into effect any scheme of improvements and undertakings requiring a larger outlay than is available out of the annual income of the Commission, or for both purposes." No money might be borrowed except with the previous consent of the Governor in Council, and no debentures might be issued for a period extending beyond July 1, 1919, and the debentures so issued to be paid and redeemed in equal annual instalments and "so that the total amount of the debentures shall be fully paid and redeemed on or before July 1, 1919." The cash proceeds of the debentures issued under this Act aggregated, \$270,373.84 which amount is being repaid, principal and interest, by the Commission in annual payments of \$21,455, the last payment falling due on June 30, 1919.

A further amendment which became law in May, 1910 (9-10 Edward VII, Chap. 45) authorised the Minister of Finance to pay out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada in addition to the sum of \$60,000 authorised by the Statute of 1899, already referred to, the sum of \$40,000 annually for a period of ten years from July 1, 1909, thus making the annual contribution of the Federal Parliament towards the work of the Commission \$100,000.

By an Act passed in July, 1908, (7-8 Edw. VII Chap. 44), the Parliament of Canada ratified and confirmed an order of the Governor General in Council, passed in September, 1907, under which a portion of Major's Hill Park was transferred to the Grand Trunk Railway Company for a hotel site for the sum of



Entrance to Rideau Canal Driveway, West of Bank Street

\$100,000, said sum to be placed to the credit of the Ottawa Improvement Commission to be applied for the purposes of the Commission under instructions and directions of the Governor General in Council.

The main permanent revenue of the Commission is therefore the annual contribution from the Federal treasury, which is now \$100,000.

In addition to this annual payment the Commission has received since its inception to March 31, 1912, the following amounts:—

Cash from debentures.....	\$270,373.84
Interest on deposits.....	1,619.80
City of Ottawa for improvements, Bronson Park.....	2,000.00
Lord Strathcona for fountain.....	2,433.33
* Site of hotel, Major's Hill Park.....	66,775.00
Miscellaneous receipts—work done for Public Works Department, material sold, etc.....	9,564.91

making a total of \$352,766.88, which added to \$875,000, the total of the annual statutory contributions to March 31, 1912, gives a gross total of \$1,227,766.88.

* Note:—The balance of the purchase price of hotel site—\$33,225—has been received during the current fiscal year.



Rideau Canal Driveway, West of Bank Street

Of this amount the Commission expended during the same period \$1,210,633.65 carrying forward to the fiscal year commencing April 1, 1912, a balance of \$17,133.23.

This expenditure may be classified under the following heads:

Labour, including foremen, timekeepers, etc.	\$556,600.09
Material, cement, stone, hardware, etc.	363,239.53
Office expenses, including rent, stationery, etc.	5,762.99
Printing and advertising.	1,059.52
Legal expenses.	2,839.49
Travelling expenses	193.80
Landscape Architect, Mr. F. G. Todd.	1,340.23
Debentures—principal and interest.	171,640.00
Supervision, Mr. R. Surtees.	10,204.88
Supervision, Mr. A. Stuart.	10,941.66
Property purchased by the Commission for the purposes defined by Statute.	86,811.46
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	\$1,210,633.65

The supervision and direction of the works undertaken by the Commission were entrusted in the first instance to Mr. R. Surtees who had been for some years previously Ottawa's City engineer. He continued in the service of the Commission until the early part of the fiscal year, 1906. During that time the Rideau



Rideau Canal Driveway, West of Bank Street

Canal driveway, the causeway across Dow's Lake, some work at Rockcliffe and the plans of National Park were undertaken and partially completed. The works left in an unfinished state were completed under the supervision of Mr. Alex. Stuart, who as Superintendent of Works, succeeded Mr. Surtees.

Mr. Stuart also designed and supervised the remainder of the work authorised by the Commission including

Strathcona Park

King Edward Avenue Park

Somerset Street Park

Central Park

Nepean Point Park

Lady Grey Road.

All the roads on the various driveways were designed and constructed under Mr. Stuart's personal supervision.

In 1903 the Commission invited Mr. Frederick G. Todd, a landscape architect of note, to visit Ottawa with the object of obtaining from him a comprehensive report on the adaptability of certain portions of the city and the vicinity thereof for park purposes.

Mr. Todd accepted the Commission's invitation and in due time made a preliminary report enumerating the lands which he deemed desirable, to give Ottawa a good park system.

The Commission in all the works subsequently undertaken kept in view the general outlines of this report; but changing local conditions and limitation of financial resources obliged them to keep within narrower limits than those prescribed by Mr. Todd.



Scene on the Rideau Canal Driveway

Since the close of the fiscal year, March 31, 1912, the Commission has undertaken the conversion of the old cemeteries on Sandy Hill into a public park under the name of Macdonald Gardens. This work is being done under the direction of Mr. Frederick G. Todd, landscape architect, Montreal, in accordance with designs and plans which he had previously prepared and submitted for approval.

The site of these old cemeteries is held by the Commission under lease from the City of Ottawa. The various parks and driveways under the Commission's control are in the main held under lease, either from the Federal Government or the Corporation of the City of Ottawa.

That portion leased from the Government consists of Ordnance lands and will, of course, revert to the Government when the Statute constituting the Commission lapses. In like manner also the parks under the lease from the city will revert to the Corporation.

The location and extent of the various parks and driveways will be found in the pages which follow, also statements of the property acquired by the Commission by purchase or donation and a summary of the expenditure incurred to the close of the fiscal year ending March 31, 1912.

HENRY N. BATE,
Chairman.

Wm. KEARNS,
Secretary.



Rideau Canal Driveway, Entrance to Lansdowne Park

Rideau Canal Driveway

The Rideau Canal Driveway is a continuous park driveway about four miles in length extending from the junction of Elgin Street and Laurier Avenue easterly to the Rideau Canal, thence southerly and westerly along the Canal, crossing Dow's Lake and terminating at the Dominion Central Experimental Farm. Patterson's Creek is spanned by a boulder and concrete bridge and Dow's Lake is crossed by means of a Causeway. The roadway is thoroughly drained and built with Telford bottom and limestone macadam top and on either side the ground is graded, sodded and planted with a most extensive variety of native and foreign trees and shrubs, while numerous flower beds have been laid out along the way. Through the grounds footpaths have been laid out extending over the whole length of the Driveway. Along the greater portion of the canal bank a cribwork retaining wall has been constructed and near the terminus of Mutchmore Street an artificial lake has been made and spanned by a rustic bridge and a number of rustic summer houses have been erected on the grounds. This work cost \$185,542.64.



Laying Tarvia on Driveway

Central Park comprises the Ordnance lands adjoining Patterson's Creek, about twelve acres, and one and one half acres donated by Senator Kirchhoffer. The bed of the Creek was dredged and a dry stone wall erected on both sides from the Rideau Canal westward beyond O'Connor Street. The lands adjoining were graded, sodded and planted with trees, shrubs and flowers. Walks were laid out and in the creek an island was made on which was constructed a rustic summer house, access to which is obtained by means of two rustic bridges. A new roadway, Linden Terrace, skirts the northern boundary of the park from the Rideau Canal Driveway to O'Connor Street. From Clemow Avenue westward to beyond Lyon Street the bed of the creek was filled in and converted into a sunken flower garden on both sides of Bank Street, all at a cost of \$58,140.19.

Monkland Avenue extends from the Rideau Canal Driveway to O'Connor Street, connecting with Clemow Avenue. The land was donated to the Commission by the late Mr. H. C. Monk. A considerable quantity of filling was deposited to bring the land up to grade. A thirty foot roadway was laid out and constructed of syenite all thoroughly drained, guttered and curbed and both sides of the road have been boulevarded and planted with trees. The amount expended was \$12,912.67.



Dow's Lake Causeway

Clemow Avenue on which the Commission has expended in construction work \$25,297.55, extends from O'Connor Street to Bronson Avenue, a distance of three quarters of a mile. The whole area was graded and a thirty foot roadway laid out and constructed of syenite. Both sides of the roadway were boulevarded and trees planted.

Somerset Street Park, comprises a city block of about two acres and is situated on Somerset Street between Lyon and Bay Streets. The property is held under lease from the City of Ottawa and the work of improvement was commenced by the Commission in 1905 and completed in 1906 at a cost of \$3,420.74. The ground was raised and laid out with horizontal and diagonal walks with grass plots between, interspersed with flower beds, while in the centre is a large concrete basin for a fountain. Trees have been planted around the outer edge of the park.

Bronson Park is an irregular plot of about two acres at the junction of Albert, Commissioners and Wellington Streets, which is held by the Commission under lease from the City of Ottawa. It was a breeding spot for weeds and a dump for debris and was a most unsightly spot until improved by the Commission at a cost of \$3,738.88 of which \$2,000.00 was contributed by the Municipal Corporation. On the rocky bluff to the east a concrete masonry wall

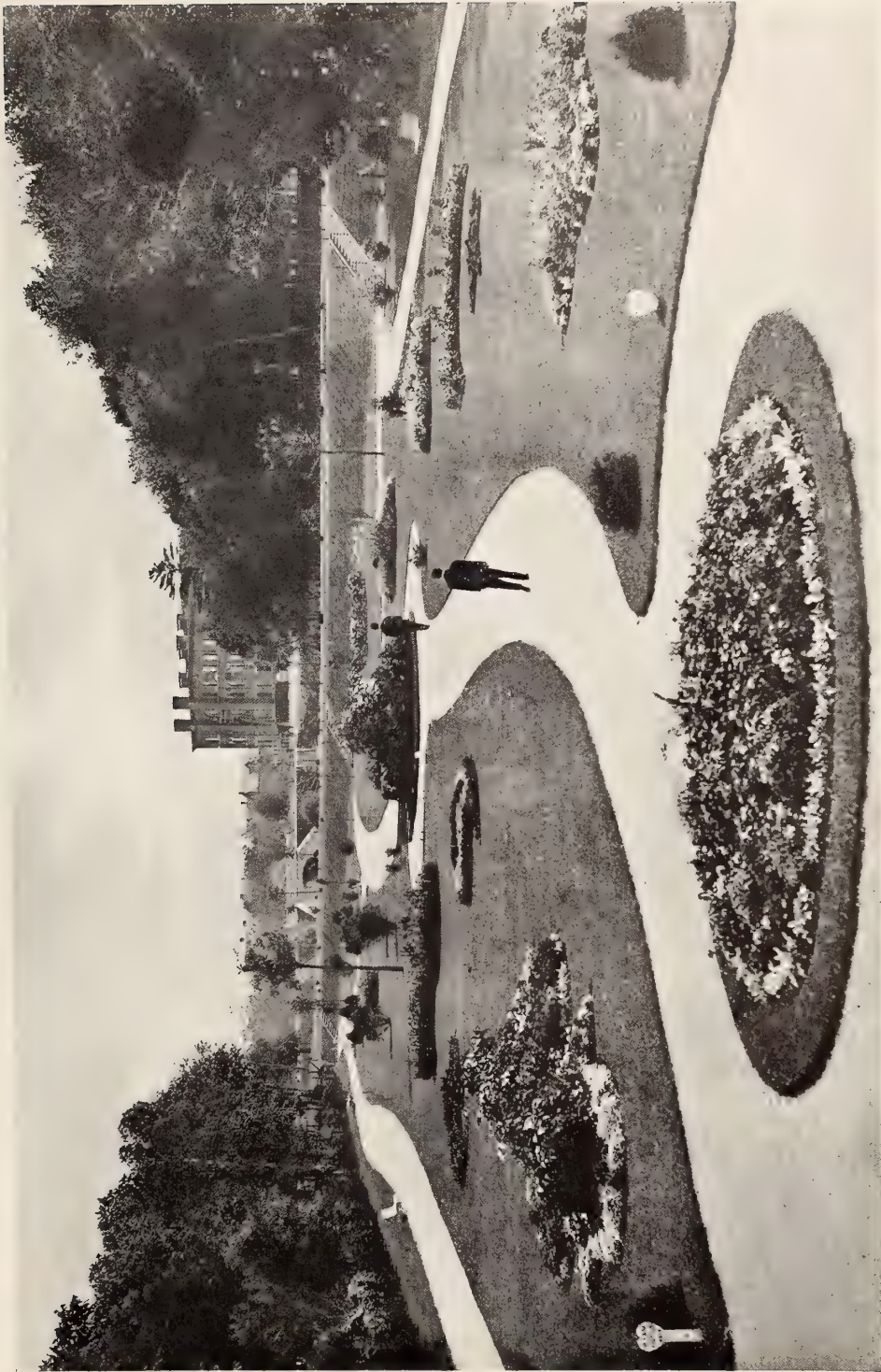


Scene in Central Park

was erected, filled behind and double terraced. A row of spruce was planted on the crescent, and Virginia creepers at the base of the bluff. The lower level was laid out with walks, grass plots and flower beds.

Strathcona Park, formerly the Dominion Rifle Range, is situated on the western bank of the Rideau River, to the south of Laurier Avenue. It contains eighteen acres, mostly swamp lands, subject to annual inundations, until improved by the Ottawa Improvement Commission. The property was leased by the Commission from the City of Ottawa in 1904 and the work of improvement at once commenced and continued during the two years following, the cost of construction work being \$49,325.06.

A boulder wall was constructed along the river front, the level of the ground raised and provision made for two artificial lakes. The land was thoroughly drained, the surface laid out with walks and grass plots and trees and shrubs planted. Concrete stairs lead from the low to the high level adjoining Laurier Avenue, on which is erected a fountain, the gift of Lord Strathcona. This park is highly appreciated by the residents of the eastern end of the City.



Central Park East of Bank Street



Scene in Central Park

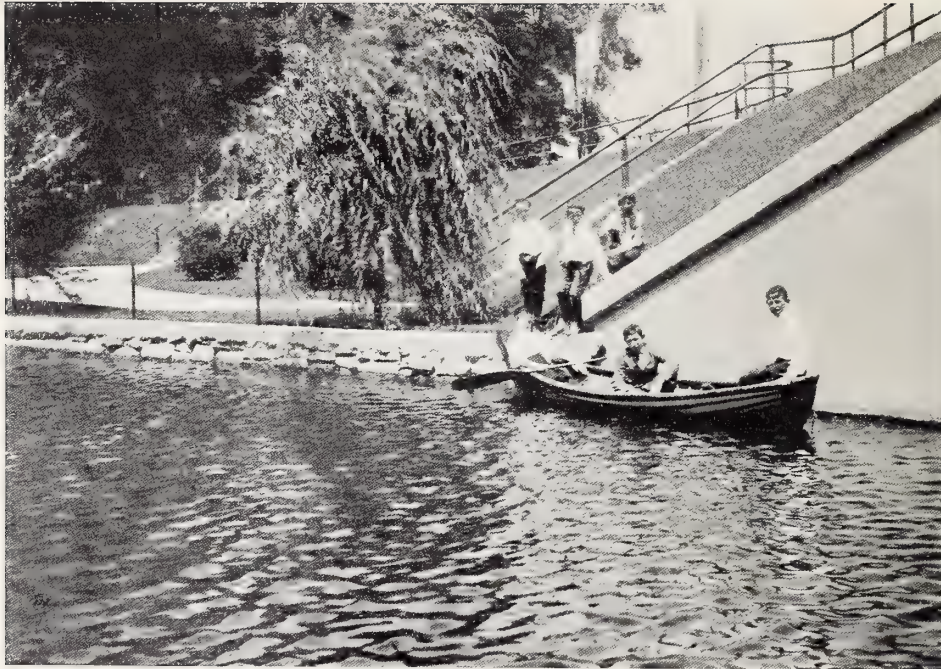
King Edward Avenue and Park

One of the first works of the Commission was the taking over from the City of that portion of King Street, now King Edward Avenue, lying between Rideau Street and the Rideau River, a distance of about one mile. The street was improved by the construction of two twenty-four foot Telford bottomed macadam roadways on either side of a boulevard through the middle of the area. The boulevard was graded and sodded and trees and shrubs planted and the roadways drained, guttered and curbed, involving an expenditure of \$92,237.39.

Subsequently the lands lying between King Edward Avenue, Cathcart Street and the Rideau River were purchased by the Commission at a cost of \$32,150.00, the buildings removed and the site converted into a park of about five acres area, known as King Edward Avenue Park. A heavy dry stone wall was constructed along the river front and the ground level raised about three feet, water services were installed and the whole area graded, sodded and planted with trees, shrubs and flower beds. Numerous walks were laid out and a subway built under the tracks of the Canadian Pacific Railway. The amount expended on this work was \$12,230.11.



Winter Scenes in Rockcliffe



Scene in Central Park

Minto Bridge, Green and Maple Islands

The Minto bridges consist of four clear spans crossing the Rideau River and connecting the northern end of King Edward Avenue with the southern end of Union Street. The substructure is of ashlar masonry and the superstructure steel. There is a twenty foot roadway and a six foot sidewalk on the up stream side. The work was completed in April 1902 at a cost of \$41,152.74.

Green and Maple Islands in the Rideau River form the connecting links between the spans of the Minto bridges. On both filling has been deposited and they have been graded and sodded and trees planted, the expenditure being \$8,545.82.

Rockcliffe, a picturesque and beautiful natural park comprising about eighty acres, extends from the Rideau Hall grounds easterly along the Ottawa River about one mile. The lands are held by the Commission under lease from the City of Ottawa and the work of improvement was commenced during the year 1905 and continued through several seasons. The total expended on construction work amounts to \$24,641.55, which has been spent upon



View in National Park



Central Park, West of O'Connor Street

necessary drainage work, the construction of stone walls, bridging gulleys, the erection of protective fences and the construction of walks in addition to two miles of macadam roadway. The woods were cleared of underbrush and vistas opened to provide advantageous views of the Gatineau Valley and Laurentian Hills to the north. A large number of benches have been provided for the accommodation of the ever-increasing number of visitors to this park.

Royal Shanty

Erected at Rockcliffe in September, 1901 by the lumbermen of the Ottawa Valley. During that year their present Majesties, then their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, visited Ottawa in the course of the Royal Tour undertaken in the first instance in connection with the inauguration of the new Commonwealth of Australia but subsequently extended so as to include the Dominion of Canada. In this shanty their Royal Highnesses accepted the hospitality of the lumbermen's association and were "regaled with pork and beans and other delicacies constituting shantyman's fare."



Royal Shanty, Rockcliffe Park



Scene in Rockcliffe Park



Scene in Central Park

National Park is situated on the south bank of the Ottawa River to the east of Rockcliffe Park and comprises one hundred and eleven acres which were purchased from the several owners for amounts aggregating \$35,235.36. The bush land has been cleared of underbrush and the debris removed from the slopes of the river bank and the whole area thoroughly drained by a series of drains running across the lands to the river. Several stone and rustic bridges have been constructed and foot and bridle paths built. Two miles of macadam roadway have been built in continuation to the Rockcliffe Park road. There has also been constructed a one mile speedway, fifty feet in width, which is said to be one of the fastest tracks in Canada. The total expenditure on construction account, including the cost of land purchase has been \$124,808.79.

Nepean Point, a high rocky bluff overlooking the Ottawa River at the western extremity of St. Patrick Street contains about eight acres and was leased by the Government to the Commission to be converted into a park. An excellent view of Parliament Hill and the Ottawa and Gatineau Valleys may be obtained from this park.



Central Park, East of Bank Street

Construction work on the park was commenced during the season of 1909-10 and is now completed, the cost to the 31st March, 1912, being \$24,661.65. An iron pipe fence with a concrete base was erected around the bluff and the whole area graded and sodded and trees and shrubs planted. A summer house, a lookout and two lavatories have been built and a steel footbridge has been erected connecting Nepean Point Park with the Major's Hill Park. In the centre of the park an oriental fountain, the gift of Lord Strathcona, has been erected.

Lady Grey Road

This Driveway, at present under construction, commences at Rideau Street and extends along Mackenzie Avenue, bordering Major's Hill Park, to St. Patrick Street, thence along the eastern border of Nepean Point Park to the Ottawa River, which it skirts midway up the rock cliff, to Baird Street. It is proposed to continue along Baird Street to King Edward Avenue, over the Minto bridges and along Union and Mackay Streets to Governor's Gate.



Monkland Avenue—Summer 1911



Monkland Avenue—Winter 1912



Rideau Canal, from the Driveway

Summary of Expenditure of Various Driveways, &c.

Total Expenditure to March 31, 1912

Princess Louise Vista.....	\$ 5,864.14
Rideau Hall Grounds.....	1,053.86
City Streets.....	15,512.24
Storage Shed.....	2,246.52
Baxter, Keefer & McKay properties.....	8,986.10
Grand Trunk Subway (Elgin St.).....	13,197.24
Dow's Lake Causeway.....	24,315.85
Syenite.....	3,514.75
Cartier Square.....	213.34
King Edward Avenue.....	92,237.39
King Edward Avenue, maintenance.....	14,700.65
Clemow Avenue.....	25,297.55
Clemow Avenue, maintenance.....	1,150.72
Green and Maple Islands.....	8,545.82
Somerset Street Park.....	3,420.74
Somerset Street Park, maintenance.....	2,216.80
Road Machinery.....	15,726.29
Minto Bridges.....	41,152.74



Interior View, Summer House, Rideau Canal Driveway

Minto Bridges, maintenance	7,428.62
Strathcona Park	49,325.06
Strathcona Park, maintenance	9,204.48
Monkland Avenue	12,912.67
Monkland Avenue, maintenance	981.55
Rockcliffe Park	24,641.55
Rockcliffe Park, maintenance	17,229.68
Rideau Canal Driveway	185,542.64
Rideau Canal Driveway, maintenance	101,731.41
National Park	124,808.79
National Park, maintenance	5,420.48
Bronson Park	3,783.88
Bronson Park, maintenance	1,110.03
King Edward Avenue Park	12,230.11
King Edward Avenue Park, maintenance	3,544.04
Patterson Creek Park	58,140.19
Patterson Creek Park, maintenance	3,730.19
Nepean Point Park	33,418.56
Nepean Point Park, maintenance	1,461.61
Greenhouse	5,000.00
Greenhouse, maintenance	8,932.23
West End Driveway	671.00
Exhibition Grounds	4,850.28



Winter Scene, Rideau Canal Driveway

Fountain Statuary.....	1,028.20
Office Expenses.....	5,307.44
Contingencies.....	11,005.78
Major's Hill Park	4,216.00
Interest.....	2,119.98
Debentures.....	171,640.00
Lady Grey Road.....	49,363.83
Hull City Hall Square.....	3,989.03
Flanders Motor Car.....	950.00
Office Staff, 1 year.....	5,561.60
Total	1,210,633.65





Oriental Fountain, Nepean Point Park

The Following Lands Are Held by the Commission

I. Ordnance lands held under License of Occupation :

- (a) Russell House Park comprising about one acre bordering on the east side of Sparks Street and lying between Canal Street west and the Rideau Canal.
- (b) Canal Street west from the east side of Sparks Street to the east side of Queen Street.
- (c) About one acre bordering on the north side of Laurier Avenue and lying between the western limit of the Ordnance Lands and a line 75 feet distant (west) of the water's edge of the Canal.
- (d) The Ordnance lands lying along the western and northern boundary of the Rideau Canal between Laurier Avenue and Dow's Lake, excepting (1) The site occupied by the caretaker of the Drill Shed. (2) The approach to the Canal at Archibald Street. (3) The portion known as Emmett Street and (4) 100 feet between Catherine and Isabella Streets, reserved for subway purposes.
- (e) A right to cross Dow's Lake by means of a causeway.
- (f) A Right of way from the Department of Militia and Defence over a strip of land fifty feet in width along the northern boundary of Cartier Square from Elgin Street to the eastern limit of the Square.
- (g) A Right of way from the City of Ottawa through Lansdowne Park (The Exhibition Grounds) from Mutchmor Street to Bank Street.

(The above holdings, with some minor purchases and donations, comprising in all about 55 acres, constitute the Rideau Canal Driveway, a continuous parkway drive about four miles in length).



Strathcona Park, Looking South



Scene in Rockcliffe Park

- (h) Nepean Point, comprising about eight acres.
- (i) That portion of Lady Grey Road lying between St. Patrick Street and Cathcart Street.
- (j) The lands bordering on the north side of Gladstone Avenue (east) and extending approximately from Nicholas street to Nelson Street.

II. Lands Purchased by the Commission

National Park, lying between Rockcliffe Park and the Rifle Ranges, purchased from:—

Mrs. Proper, 2 acres	\$ 900.00
Bank of Ottawa, 39 acres	7,937.36
Fraser Estate, $11\frac{1}{2}$ acres	3,416.00
Hillman, $8\frac{3}{4}$ acres	3,000.00
Bronson, 10 acres	5,000.00
T. C. Keefer, 40 acres	15,000.00

King Edward Avenue Park, purchased from:—

Peter Whelan, Lot 11 King St.	1,500.00
Wm. Bambrick, Lot 10 King St.	2,000.00
Chas. Yost, $N\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 8 King St.	1,400.00
Mrs. M. Murphy, $N\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 7 and Lot 8 King St.	2,500.00
Mrs. Thorbahn, Lots 5 and 6 King St. and Lot 23 Botelier St.	7,500.00
Jos. Simard, Lot 4 East King St.	2,000.00



Playground, Rockcliffe Park

John Maroney, Lot 23 North Bolton St.....	2,000.00
C. Lacroix, Lot 3 King St.....	2,000.00
John and Jos. Delaire and Mrs. Landriau.....	700.00
Mrs. A. O'Leary, Lot 2 East King St.....	1,500.00
J. B. Larose, E $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 1 King St. and Lot 23 Cathcart St.....	2,000.00
C. P. Railway.....	1,632.50
J. S. Richard, Lot 24 North Cathcart St.....	2,750.00
T. Bellemare, Lot 24 South Bolton St.....	1,000.00
M. Mourier, Lot 23 South Bolton St.....	2,200.00
Geo. Lebel, Lot 1 East King St.....	1,800.00
Greenhouse purchased from A. French.....	
6 Lots on Springfield Avenue, 315 feet by 99 feet.....	5,000.00
Property fronting on north bank of Rideau River, in Rideau Ward, Ottawa, purchased from T. C. Keefer.....	1,537.50
Seven Lots on Lorne St. Rideau Ward, Ottawa, purchased from T. C. Keefer.....	850.64
Sub Lots 10, South $\frac{1}{2}$ of 11 and Lot 13 in Block 16 on Lorne St. Rideau Ward, Ottawa, purchased from McKay Estate.....	1,214.73
Portion of Lot on Canal Driveway, purchased from J. J. Neville.....	500.00
Three Lots on Elgin Street (Canal Driveway) purchased from R. W. Baxter.....	5,420.73
Land on Elgin St., now forming part of Canal Driveway—Expropriated— Hickey Estate.....	700.00



Fountain in Strathcona Park



Strathcona Park, looking South



A View from Nepean Point Park

Four Lots on Carling Ave. and Bell St. purchased from the Sherwood Estate.	1,050.00
Thirty acres of Syenite Quarry on the Mountain Road in the Township of Hull, Wright County, Quebec, purchased from Wm. Dawson.....	650.90
Bate, Cunningham and Riopelle Islands in the Ottawa River, purchased from the Ontario Government.....	151.10
Total.....	<u>\$86,811.46</u>

III. Lands Donated to the Commission

- (a) Portion of eastern end of Green Island, by Senator Edwards.
- (b) Strip of land along The Canal Driveway between Neville St. and Argyle Ave., by E. H. Bronson.
- (c) Strip of land, 20 feet in width about 200 feet long, off the front of their properties, forming part of the Canal Driveway, by Laderoute and Hayden.
- (d) Strip of land, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres, on the north side of Patterson's Creek, by Senator Kirchhoffer.
- (e) Maple Island in the Rideau River, by T. C. Keefer.
- (f) Strip of land 80 feet in width to open an avenue between the Rideau Canal Driveway and O'Connor St., by H. C. Monk (Monkland Avenue).
- (g) Strip of land seven feet wide on each side of Clemow Avenue, by the Clemow Estate.



Entrance to National Park



Scene in National Park



Clemow Avenue, East of Bank Street

- (h) Strip of land 35 feet in width and about 400 feet long to the north of the Rideau Canal Driveway at Dow's Lake and a strip seven feet wide on each side of Lakeside Ave. (formerly Ryan Street) extending easterly from the Rideau Canal Driveway about 500 feet, by L. R. O'Connell.
- (i) All the properties on the west side of Sussex St. lying between Queen's wharf and Cathcart St. and on the north side of Cathcart St. between Sussex St. and the Ottawa River, by the Corporation of the City of Ottawa.

IV. Lands Leased from the City of Ottawa

- (a) Strathcona Park comprising about 18 acres.
- (b) Rockcliffe Park comprising about 80 acres.
- (c) Somerset Street Park comprising about 2 acres.
- (d) Bronson Park comprising about 2 acres.
- (e) A right of way over King Edward Avenue.
- (f) The "old cemeteries" property on Wurtemberg St. in By Ward, Ottawa, comprising about 8 acres.



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Roadways Maintained by the Commission

The following roadway, averaging about 28 feet in width, is maintained by the Commission:

	Approximate length in feet.
King Edward Avenue and Union Street from Rideau St. to Governor's Gate—48 and 30 feet wide.....	6,800
From Governor's Gate to the Rifle Range—30 and 24 ft.....	14,000
From the Rifle Range to the Bridge at McKay's Lake—24 feet wide..	2,800
One Mile Speedway—50 feet wide.....	5,280
River Road in Rockcliffe Park—24 feet wide.....	4,800
Canal Street West—30 feet wide.....	400
Strathcona Park—24 feet wide.....	2,640
Monkland Avenue—30 feet wide.....	1,100
Clemow Avenue—30 feet wide.....	4,000
Linden Terrace—24 feet wide.....	1,100
Nepean Point—24 feet wide.....	2,200
Rideau Canal Driveway—24 and 20 feet wide.....	25,000
Total	70,120
or 13.28 miles.	



Eastern Entrance to Rockcliffe Park



Scene in Rockcliffe Park



Somerset Street Park



Strathcona Park, looking North



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